**MCPS Online – First Flight**

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Globally, U.S. education is being outpaced and there is an urgent need for uniform alignment of rigorous, nationwide, common core standards that promote excellence.

Towards a higher level of performance: common standards ensure a deliberate, up front, relevant curriculum that will ensure rigor for all in preparation for post secondary options regardless of state or ability.

Accountability: Now more than ever includes a rich, relevant, rigorous curriculum that is assessed through individual growth that demonstrates 21st century skills including collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and communication.

We need relevant, rigorous, and consistent standards that challenge our students to achieve proficiency and excel in a global economy.

Common core state standards are a common sense framework to create continuity and connectivity of learning expectations across the nation.

The common core standards require interdisciplinary skills taught across the content areas focused on the complexity of text and writing.

Common core standards are comprehensive, global, rigorous, and raise the bar for our students through collaboration and shared responsibility.

Montana will need to adopt a new kind of assessment based on performance and growth; and communicate to the various publics. The assessment will be based on increasingly complex tasks which will demonstrate applications of new knowledge.

Planning entails establishing awareness and relevance, building capacity, planning. My teachers are aware of what I need and create, collaborate, crosswalk, and build capacity to add rigor and relevance to my learning to make a transformational, engaging curriculum and classroom experience for all students.

Taking control to review and communicate more in-depth standards and assessment to encourage evolutionary instruction capacity and awareness.